



Downtown Development Authority Meeting / Special Called Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM

City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Minutes

I. Call to Order

1. Chair Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Chair Carl Wright, Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle Dunbar, and Board Member and Council Member Anita Bass were present. Vice Chair Robert Witherspoon attended virtually. Board Member Thom DeLoach was absent.

II. Approval of the Agenda: Anita Bass made a motion to approve the agenda. Sarah Hage seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. New Business

1. Discussion Item: The terms of three DDA Board members expired on May 3, 2026: Chair Carl Wright, Vice Chair Robert Witherspoon, and Treasurer Sarah Hage.
 - a. Sarah Hage expressed her desire to continue serving on the Board and her willingness to continue serving as Treasurer. Robert Witherspoon expressed his desire to continue serving on the Board and his willingness to continue serving as Vice Chair. Carl Wright expressed his desire to continue serving as Chair.
 - b. The Board discussed the process for filling the expired terms. The DDA must either reappoint the members whose terms have expired or appoint new members, subject to approval by the Mayor and Council.
 - c. Local business owner Jonathan Hartnett attended the meeting and expressed interest in serving on the DDA Board.
 - d. The Board discussed that the positions had not been advertised to the public and that other interested community members may not be aware of the opportunity to apply.
 - e. Pursuant to Article I, Section 6 of the local bylaws, vacant positions must be advertised to the public. An expired term is considered a vacancy; however, the member whose term has expired may continue serving until that member is reappointed or a successor is appointed.
 - f. Bobby Singleton made a motion to postpone consideration of the appointments until the next DDA meeting on August 24, 2026. Anita Bass seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - g. The vacant positions will be advertised to the public, with applications due by August 14, 2026.
 - h. Bobby Singleton and Anita Bass will conduct interviews with applicants.
 - i. Recommendations will be presented at the next DDA meeting on August 24, 2026.

IV. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

1. Sarah Hage made a motion to enter executive session at 6:52 p.m. Anita Bass seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Michelle Dunbar made a motion to exit executive session at 7:53 p.m. Sarah Hage seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. **Adjournment:** Sarah Hage made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Anita Bass seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.